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**CLASS 430 RADIATION IMAGERY CHEMISTRY:
PROCESS, COMPOSITION, OR PRODUCT THEREOF**

- 1 **HOLOGRAPHIC PROCESS, COMPOSITION, OR
 PRODUCT**
- 2 . Composition or product or process of making the
 same
- 3 **USE OF SOUND OR NONDIGITAL COMPRESSIVE
 FORCE**
- 4 **RADIATION MODIFYING PRODUCT OR PROCESS
 OF MAKING**
- 5 . Radiation mask
- 6 . Screen other than for cathode-ray tube
- 7 . . Color
- 8 **MICROGRAPHY, PROCESS, COMPOSITION, OR
 PRODUCT OTHER THAN MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE
 MANUFACTURE**
- 9 **IMAGED PRODUCT**
- 10 . Antifraud or antitampering
- 11 . Structurally defined
- 12 . . Nonuniform or noncoextensive layer added to
 finished imaged product
- 13 . Image contained within transparent base
- 14 . Multilayer
- 15 . . Plural image layers
- 16 . Deposited metal coating on image
- 17 . Nonsilver image
- 18 . Including resin or synthetic polymer
- 19 **ERASABLE IMAGING**
- 20 **LIQUID CRYSTAL PROCESS, COMPOSITION, OR
 PRODUCT**
- 21 **RETRIEVING IMAGE MADE USING RADIATION
 IMAGERY**
- 22 **REGISTRATION OR LAYOUT PROCESS OTHER
 THAN COLOR PROOFING**
- 23 **PRODUCING CATHODE-RAY TUBE OR ELEMENT
 THEREOF**
- 24 . Using specific control or specific modification of
 exposure, i.e., by manipulation of radiation source or
 exposure through elements other than shadow mask
- 25 . With light-absorbing matrix on faceplate
- 26 . . With faceplate of phosphoric stripes
- 27 . With filter material on finished faceplate
- 28 . Using specified radiation-sensitive composition
 other than a nominal sensitized polyvinyl alcohol
- 29 . Using specified post-imaging process composition
- 30 **INCLUDING CONTROL FEATURE RESPONSIVE TO
 A TEST OR MEASUREMENT**

wherein nonchemical invisible radiant energy imaging of a medium produces an electrical potential difference or a current flow; subclasses 199 + and 458 + for device or process wherein a nonchemical image is retrieved or detected using light-wave communication such as with a photocell; and subclasses 472 + for device or process wherein nonchemical invisible radiant energy imaging of a medium produces a nonelectrical response.

- 352, Optics: Motion Pictures, 1+ for nonchemical sound recording or reproduction combined with motion pictures.
- 353, Optics: Image Projectors, 25+ for process and system involving selective retrieval of information; and subclass 121 for methods of optically retrieving information by projection wherein the information is in the form of a nonchemical image.
- 355, Photocopying, 5 for electric photocopying apparatus combined with means to project reproduced image onto a screen or display means for viewing.
- 359, Optics: Systems (Including Communication) and Elements, 290+ for optical retrieval of nonchemical image wherein a means is used to change the optical properties of the medium during retrieval.
- 360, Dynamic Magnetic Information Storage or Retrieval, for nonchemical magnetic dynamic information storage and retrieval process and system, especially 1+ for process and device used to store or retrieve the image wherein the device has an additional utility than as a magnetic record carrier such as a photographic image medium; and subclasses 131 + for specific structure of magnetic record card other than mere magnetic coatings on a substrate.
- 365, Static Information Storage and Retrieval, for nonchemical magnetic, electrical, or optical static information storage and retrieval process or system, especially 185.01+ for floating gate memory storage (e.g., flash memory), subclasses 185.01 + for floating gate memory storage (e.g., flash memory), subclasses 106 + and 120 + wherein radiant energy and information masking are utilized.

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REGISTRATION OR LAYOUT PROCESS OTHER THAN COLOR PROOFING:

This subclass is indented under the class definition.

Processes having a step recited for registering one or more images with each other or with the radiation-sensitive medium to be imaged.

- (1) Note. Color proofing is provided for elsewhere in the class.

SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUBCLASS:

143, and 358, for color proofing.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

- 346, Recorders, 14 , 54, 60, 61, and 94 + for registration feature for that class.

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(12) **United States Patent**
Yoshida et al.

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(54) **POSITION DETECTING METHOD,
POSITION DETECTING UNIT, EXPOSURE
METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD**

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ABSTRACT

The imaging signal (the raw waveform) and the modified waveform are obtained, wherein the raw waveform is obtained from the image of the mark which is picked-up by the image pick-up device, and the modified waveform is obtained through the modification of the imaging signal by the waveform modifying unit. By using respective raw waveform and modified waveform, the mark information calculating unit obtains the mark information for the mark position such as estimated mark position and so forth. Then, the position calculating unit detects the positional information of the mark based on the plural mark information in the obtained mark information. As a result, the mark position might be precisely detected depending on the figure of the noise signal.

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(54) **METHOD OF DETERMINING EXPOSURE
CONDITIONS, EXPOSURE METHOD,
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STORAGE MEDIUM**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

While changing a focus position and a dose amount on the image plane by respective amounts, a mark including a measurement pattern and a reference pattern is transferred sequentially onto a plurality of part areas arranged in a matrix on a wafer via the projection optical system. And after the wafer is developed, an image of each of the plurality of part areas on the wafer developed is picked up, and matching with a template is performed on the image datum of each part area. Because a feature which does not disappear even with having been overexposed and of which the positional relation with the measurement pattern is known is used as the reference pattern, template-matching can be readily performed on the image datum of each part area by using the reference pattern as a reference, and an exposure condition under consideration (the best focus position) is determined based on the matching results, objective and quantitative, for the part areas (steps 237 through 249).

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Fan et al.

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(54) **MULTI-LAYER OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIA AND SYSTEM FOR RECORDING AND REPRODUCING INFORMATION DATA**

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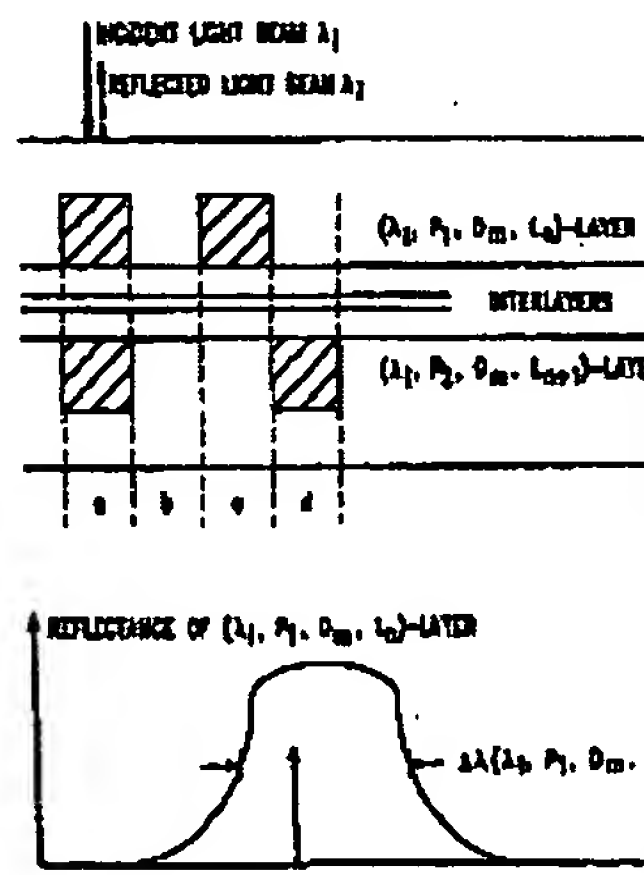
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Disclosed is a novel multi-layered optical recording media and system for recording and reproducing information data. The multi-layered optical recording media has M information storage decks, and each information storage deck has N information storage layers, and each information storage layer has a pair of information storage structures. Each paired information storage structure has a characteristic wavelength and polarization state, and from which recorded information can be read by a laser beam having similar wavelength and polarization-state characteristics. In the illustrative embodiment, the multi-layered optical recording media of the present invention has MxNx2 information storage layers which can be read using only N laser lines (i.e. spectral components), thereby providing a 2M-fold increase in information storage capacity over prior art systems. The information storage and retrieval system of the present invention is completely backward compatible to allow for the reading of conventional CD-ROM devices.

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[45] Date of Patent: Jul. 25, 2000

[54] MULTI-LAYER OPTICAL RECORDING
MEDIA AND METHOD FOR RECORDING
AND REPRODUCING INFORMATION USING
THE SAME

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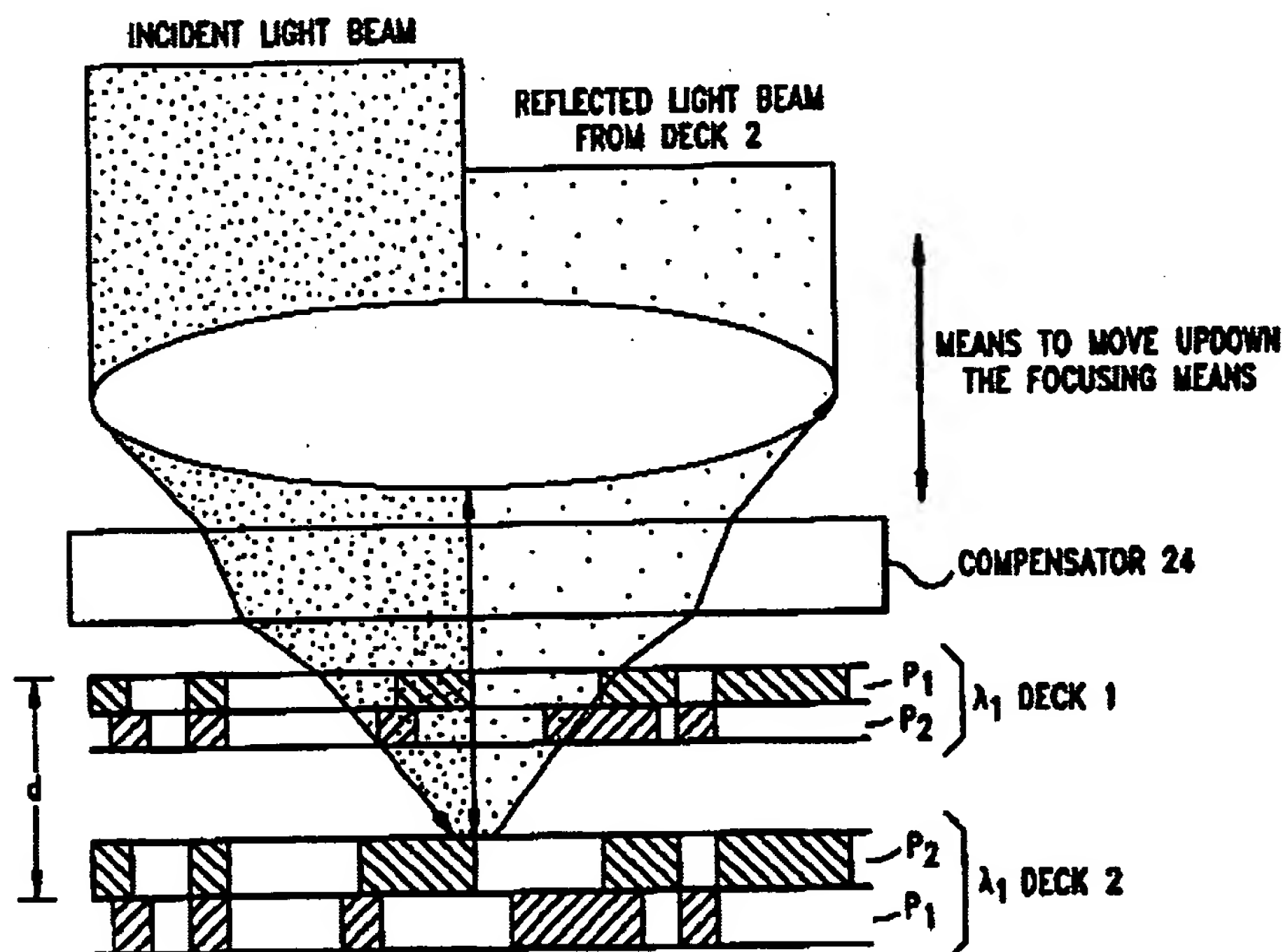
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[57] ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a novel optical information storage media having M information storage decks. Each information storage deck has N information storage layers, and each information storage layer has a pair of information storage structures. Each paired information storage structure has a characteristic wavelength and polarization state, and from which recorded information can be read by a laser beam having similar wavelength and polarization-state characteristics. A novel system is provided for reading the optical information storage media of the present invention. In the illustrative embodiment, an optical storage device of the present invention having M×N×2 information storage layers can be read using only N laser lines (i.e. spectral components), thereby providing a 2M-fold increase in information storage capacity over prior art systems. The information storage and retrieval system of the present invention is completely backward compatible to allow for the reading of conventional CD-ROM devices. Various techniques are disclosed for manufacturing and reading the optical storage devices of the present invention.

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[54] MULTI-LAYERS OPTICAL RECORDING
MEDIA AND SYSTEM FOR RECORDING
AND REPRODUCING INFORMATION DATA

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[57] ABSTRACT

An novel optical information storage media having M information storage decks. Each information storage deck has N information storage layers, and each information storage layer has a pair of information storage structures. Each paired information storage structure has a characteristic wavelength and polarization state, and from which recorded information can be read by a laser beam having similar wavelength and polarization-state characteristics. A novel system is provided for reading the optical information storage media of the present invention. In the illustrative embodiment, an optical storage device of the present invention having M×N×2 information storage layers can be read using only N laser lines (i.e. spectral components), thereby providing a 2M-fold increase in information storage capacity over prior art systems. The information storage and retrieval system of the present invention is completely backward compatible to allow for the reading of conventional CD-ROM devices. Various techniques are disclosed for manufacturing and reading the optical storage devices of the present invention.

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